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2022/5197/P	Fortune Green and West Hampstead NDF	15/03/2023 16:14:02	COMMNT	Recognising the desire of LB Camden to increase housing availability in the Borough, the NDF does not object to this application for partial conversion of the ground floor and the whole of the basement, in spite of a loss commercial floorspace, which contradicts Policy 12 and Policy 14 of the Fortune Green and West Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan, because, as in the words of the application, 'The scheme will retain a commercial use to the ground floor of the property thus protecting the viability of the Neighbourhood Centre and provide an additional residential unit of accommodation which should be supported'.
2022/5197/P	Michael Simkins	15/03/2023 10:37:53	OBJ	I am writing to object in the strongest possible terms to this proposed change of use and re-development at 94 Mill Lane.. The commercial district of Mill Lane is vital to the social and commercial wellbeing of the community, and to allow the conversion of potential business premises to residential dwellings, even partially as in this case, can only further weaken the prospects for the area's hopes of thriving. The recent decline in the quantity and number of retail businesses in Mill Lane is only because of the recent pandemic: beforehand the area was starting to flourish, with flower shops, cafes and the like populating Mill Lane and thus helping to establish the street as a healthy and inviting area in which to shop, bringing life and dynamism to the community. Aural evidence among the community is that the current owners have no real intention at all of seeking new commercial tenants, and that they are merely waiting to be allowed to claim 'no commercial interest' so that the change of use can be waved through. The glass shop which until recently occupied Number 94 is a prime spot for commercial businesses, and everything should be done to encourage a similar venture of some sort. The consequences of Mill Lane being allowed to fall into being just another residential street would be disastrous for all of us who live here. The retail sector in Mill Lane needs encouragement and nurture rather than a slow death by a thousand cuts.